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TAGS: ETTC HR KSTC PARM PREL
SUBJECT: GOI WILL SEND DELEGATION TO EXPORT CONTROL
CONFERENCE IN CROATIA

REF: A. STATE 092748
     ¶B. 09/26/08 MITCHELL-CURRAN E-MAIL

Classified By: Economic Counselor William R. Meara for reasons 1.4 (b)
and (d).

¶1.   (U) This is an action request. See paragraph 3.

¶2.   (C) On 10 October Roberto Liotto and Pierfrancesco De
Cerchio of the Italian MFA informed EconOff that the GOI will
send a delegation to the October 20-22 export control
conference, to be held in Cavtat-Dubrovnik, Croatia (reftel
A). Italy will fill its two allotted slots with Angelo
Felicetti and Marco De Andreis, two officers from the
anti-fraud unit of the Italian Customs Agency, which
implements export controls. Liotto assured EconOff that the
appropriate paperwork would be sent early in the coming week.

¶3.   (C) In response to reftel B, De Cerchio also expressed
general interest in holding bi-lateral export control
consultations between the GOI and the USG later in the year.
De Cerchio said that if the USG presented a note verbale with
some specificity as to the level, date and place for such
consultations, he would coordinate a GOI response. He said
Rome was preferable to Washington, late November was best for
timing, and two days might be an appropriate duration. Post
seeks guidance on how to proceed.

¶4.   (C) Comment: De Cerchio had previously on October 6
informed Post that Italy would not be able to send a
delegation due to the heavy workload of Italian export
control officers. Post subsequently encouraged MFA Director
General Magliano to reconsider the Italian position,
especially in light of the confirmed participation of France
and Germany. Post is pleased with the GOI reversal on
conference participation. End Comment.
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